IT'S NOT ONE BAD COP—IT'S CAPITALISM

LaQuan McDonald was murdered by Chicago police officer Jason Van Dyke on October 20, 2014. He was shot 16 times, many of them while he was laying on the ground. For 400 days Van Dyke was on desk duty receiving a paycheck and the video was not released. He wasn't even identified to the public until 6 months after the shooting. The city gave the family a $5 Million dollar settlement in April before they even filed a case to try to buy their silence on this murder.

Now that a judge has ordered the city to release the video, the mayor and the district attorney are trying to appease us by charging the cop with murder. What facts have changed in the 400 days since this disgusting racist murder took place? Only that the ruling class of Chicago fears the workers' reaction to seeing this brutal execution. They fear this because of the inspiring rebellions in Ferguson and Baltimore. If the pressure had not been kept on by activists and journalists, the video would never have been released and the cop would never be charged.

Those in power want to say that this is the case of one "bad cop." We know this is a lie. There were other cops who confiscated security camera footage from the nearby Burger King. There were 4 other cops at the scene when this murder took place who have stayed silent. The Mayor Rahm Emmanuel tried his damnedest to keep the video from seeing the light of day. District Attorney Alvarez is only bringing charges now because the video shows an execution and they want to defuse our anger. We've seen the same tactics across the country (Ferguson, Baltimore, Minneapolis, NYC) in other police murders: the politicians, prosecutors, and police all stick together. They are all on the side of the ruling class.

Minneapolis students and workers march in support of Ferguson after the non-indictment of Darren

Minneapolis march Tuesday Nov 24, the day after protestors were shot.

RACIST POLICE MURDERS: SHUT IT DOWN!

The ruling class of this country uses racism, fear, and violence to stay in power. Racism, which is used to keep us divided, means that this violence disproportionately affects black and latino workers. We must actively respond to racist state violence with multi-racial unity. Standing together militantly is the scariest thing the ruling class can imagine.

The racist ideology of capitalism is shoved down our throats constantly and so we must constantly recognize it and stand against it. We must be bold in our actions. Let's take a lesson from the protestors of the murder of Jamar Clark by a cop in Minneapolis. Even when white supremacist thugs came to the protesters in Minneapolis and shot them, they did not back down. They continued to rally and are demonstrating again today. Let's take our lead from the youth in Ferguson and Baltimore who refuse to play nice or take part in this racist system. Don't vote, organize! Help build a revolutionary party which can overthrow this racist, capitalist system. We deserve a society where the workers' interests are put first. Fight for communism, join Progressive Labor Party! Contact us at: www.plp.org

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